

REMARKS

Claims 32-34, 36, 37, 46, and 50-65 are currently pending in this application. Pursuant to the June 27, 2007 Office Action, claim 54 was withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention, and claims 32-34, 36, 37, 46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 64 were stated to be allowed.

Claims 47 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for lack of written description. By way of this Reply, claims 47 and 49 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicant's respectfully submit that the lack of written description rejection should be moot.

Claims 50, 59-62, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office Action states that the phrase, "producing the identified compound" in subsection (v) of claim 50 lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 50 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 50, as amended, should be in condition for allowance. Claims 59-62 and 65, which depend from claim 50, should also be in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Conclusion

For the above reasons provided above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 32-34, 36, 37, 46, and 50-65 should be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 215-568-6400.

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